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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Acknowledgment of Reply Brief***

1. The reply brief filed January 16, 2003 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

It is noted that, regarding section I of the reply brief, a copy of the last page of the official filewrapper copy of the Examiner's answer, which includes the initials acknowledging that an appeal conference was conducted, was sent to applicant via fax on January 23, 2003.

### ***Oral Hearing***

2. The examiner requests the opportunity to attend the oral hearing as an observer.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers for this group are: formal papers - (703)305-3579; informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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